

Monday Evenng. 3/11

My dear Doctor I wrote you a long letter,
some two or three days since, & this has only a
specific object in view, viz. to say, that having, at
length, after 5 days hard labour! got your genera
of grasses all sorted, I this evening proceeded to
incorporate with them your orig^l Collections (in
the white papers) & find that I must have left
behind me, I should think at least two, of your
small folios - For instance, the whole of the
Festucaceae are missing, say, Poa Eragrostis, Glycer.
Briza - Melica Koeleria Dactylis Festuca Bromus
Urtica Diarrhena & Hesperia - also I miss the
following genera, which you must have had - say
Spartina Neersia - Fisania Lea Alapeurus Phleum &
Phalaris, and lastly, I find no Agrostoides
with which you were, I take it well supplied,
particularly Muhlenbergia & Dilpa - Now,
if you think it worth while, & perfectly safe, I
should myself think that they would make a snug
package, merely tied up in paper, in their own
portfolios, & in such case, send them on by Steamer
addressed to me at Cary & Co. without delay, as I

shall hope now to get on with my Job; but if
you do not care to risk them, or think it not worth
while to send them on, you need not trouble yourself
to write, as I shall so infer if I do not receive
them this week - I think I have already stumbled
upon a little matter of interest to you - in the grassy
I find a little thing, from Lindheimer, Tex. which you
have marked "new genus" - It is a very queer looking plant
with short (distichous) leaves, much like those of an Abies.
May you may remember it, by this (description?) well,
I find the same thing, ^{without flowers} among the valuables you got
from Hooker's herb. merely marked - "Rio Brazos 1833"
(I suppose one of Drummond's) & you have endorsed
on it, in pencil, Chloanthus - Nees - I do not find the
genus in Kunth, but you no doubt can look it up,
& will not now, either make an Egyptian mummy of
yourself, by publishing Lindheimer's plant as new,
nor suffer our friend Engelmann to do so - I may
have other things to say, by & bye, as I sort the species
together, prior to the pillage, which has not yet commenced.
I received to day a very handsome, gentlemanlike, letter
from Chapman - It appears that Mr. Curtis had written
to him, on my behalf, which I do not know, & on my
return from Cambridge I wrote to him, inquiring as
delicately as possible, whether he would be willing

to collect for me, on a large scale, & to name his terms.
To this he replies "I am almost offended with you for
"the kind even that for one instant I should be found
"behind the foremast in a tender of whatever my little
"herb. contains - Immed. upon the receipt of your
"favor of August (in which I told him I should not
begin again!) my first ~~impulse~~ ^{impulse} was to offer you
"my Herb. entire - But, ^{upon} reflection I concluded to
"divide it with you, & I went over all the orders
"laying out one Spec. where there were two, &
"the last one even, when there was a prospect of
"obtaining another - The Select. comprises, I believe,
"about 750 spp. of Flor. plants" - He then
goes on to say that he abandons Botany,
at least for the present, & is about removing,
with his family to Apalachicola, which
will be his future residence & address - He was
disappointed in the expectations of remuneration
from his shipments to Eng. of last year, & says,
"I now bid adieu to the fair realms of Flora, in
"which I so much delight to rove, to mingle in the
"turmoil of business & the strife for gain" -
I have only further room to tell you what I know
will gratify you, that Mr. Curtis has also written me a most
friendly letter, advising me that he has sent me on a box
with 450 spp. & that he had made it his business to write to
Chapman - Prof. Carpenter - Hapham & Short - This is really
very gratifying & brings almost as much pleasure as the
accumulation of the plants will do by & bye. I hope - It is so very friendly.

I have not been from England & have not
 met him, at yet, sent him on my list of friends
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I have but little to say of myself. I continue very
 quiet - do - say I maintain a horse, & merely mended him
 for 3/4 of an hour, which caused me to purchase property
 & I felt much excited & happy! However, if I can
 mean to persist in riding for an hour, every other
 day, or so, as I can bear it - I beg my kind regards
 to your mother, & am my dear brother, very truly
 your friend